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3A, MONACO. "The 59(9) DX Report" states to look for Willi, DJ7RJ, to be active from **October 1-20th**, as **3A/DJ7RJ**. Activity will include Topband operations (1832 kHz). QSL via homecall.

3V8, TUNISIA. Hans/DF2UU and Win/DK9IP were operating from the club station **3V8BB** over the past weekend to participate in the **Worked All Europe SSB Contest (WAE)**. Reportedly their operation started on **September 6th** and is to last **until September 13th** (early morning UTC). Look for them on the following suggested frequencies: 28443, 21243, 14243, 7043 and 3743 kHz. They plan to concentrate on CW/RTTY/PSK31 and 12m/17m/160m after the contest. IMPORTANT: QSL only for QSOs on September 6th through September 13th (2000) via DK9IP (Bureau is preferred!!!). All QSOs will be confirmed via bureau after their return. For direct QSL request use DK9IP's new address: Winfried Kriegel, Schoellbronner Str. 72, 76199 Karlsruhe, GERMANY

4W, EAST TIMOR. Erkki, OH2BF, is active as **4W/OH2BF** and is currently working for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in **Dili** for a few months. He has been active on 17 and 12 meters CW between 1130 and 1500z. However, we have not seen any QSNs since the tragedy of Pero, 9A4SP (see "Sad Note" below). QSL via OH2IC. Also, according "The Daily DX", Jose, CT1FKN, who has been in **Dili** since **August 15th** working in the Portuguese Army for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET), is expected to be active soon as **4W6FK**. He is expected to be there **until February 2001**. ADDED NOTE: The **4W/K7BV Web site** for the upcoming operation has been updated: <http://www.qth.com/k7bv/timor/>

5A, LIBYA. Abubaker, 5A1A, reports that during the month of **September** he will be active with the special callsign **5A31** on the air on all bands. This special is to celebrate the **31st anniversary of the Libyan revolution**. QSL via a registered mail, Abubaker Alzway, Box 74421, Tripoli, Libya.

9G, GHANA (5V, Togo?). Andy, G4ZVJ, will be in Ghana and Togo between **September 9-21st**. Expect some CW activity from **9G5VJ** and ***possibly*** from **5V7VJ**. QSL via G4ZVJ: Andy Chadwick, Ripon, North Yorkshire, UK, HG4 1UA. His Web site is: <http://www.g4zvj.demon.co.uk>

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA. Tex, **9M2TO**, informs OPDX that he will now be active in the **RTTY contest** as a Single OP/All band entry on 40 meters (7040 +/-) and 20-10 meters (+/- 105 kHz up from band edge). QSLs will be sent out automatically 100% through the JARL bureau.

A5, BHUTAN. The Clipperton DX Club DXpedition is active as **A52FH** until **September 14th**. Most of their activity has been on 20 meters CW/SSB with activity also on 30/17/15/10 meters. QSL via F8RZ. ADDED NOTE: "QRZ DX" reports that Peter, ON6TT, will be joining the team in **Thimphu**. There was no indication when and how long.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE (possibly, 3DA and V5). The "DX News Letter" reports that Reinhard, DL6DQW, will be active again as **C91RF** from **Maputo** now **through September 23rd**. He will also try to be activate a new IOTA from **September 15-18th** from **Ile Mocambique (AF-new)**. He will be running an IC-706 MKII with a wire antenna and a 6 element 6m yagi on all bands. He is still trying to get a **3DA licence** for **September 23-28th** and will then be active from Namibia **until October 8th**. QSLs via bureau to DL6DQW or direct with SAE and 2 USDs or 2 IRCs.

CARIBBEAN TOUR 2000 WRAP-UP (V2-VP2M-8P). Rob, PA5ET, reports that the Low Land DX-pedition Team (LLDXT) returned tired back in Holland on the afternoon of September 5th, from the Caribbean Tour 2000. He mentions that their operation was a great success with a total of 31915 QSOs made from Anguilla, 1351 QSOs from Montserrat (which was an unplanned activity of 1-5 days) and 31108 QSOs from Barbados which makes a grand total of 64,374 QSOs in almost 4 weeks time. They were active 24 hours a day with 2 stations, which was a hard job with 4 people. The Tour's Web-site was visited 5000 times during the tour and contains on-line logs, a tour diary and even real audio files of pile-ups, pictures of the islands, locations and many more details. More information will be added the coming days at: http://www.qsl.net/lldxt/v2_8p_2000/index.html They will have 3 full color QSLs printed and sent out as soon as possible. For the QSL Manager's databases: V26EA, V26ET, V26FM, V26WP, VP2MPA, 8P9JR, 8P9JS, 8P9JT and 8P9JU all are via PA5ET's address: Rob Snieder, Van Leeuwenstraat 137, 2273 VS Voorburg, Holland.

D6, COMOROS. The Five Star DXers Association, closely linked to CDXC (Chiltern DX Club) and the UK DX Foundation, are pleased to announce a three week DXpedition as **D68C** between **February 6-26th** using a Titanex Vertical and RX antennas for 160 meters. This will be an all mode and all band operation with 6 stations active. The multi-national group is looking for sponsors to help cover the high cost of this operation. More details are forthcoming. For more information, contact Don Field, G3XTT via E-mail at: g3xtt@lineone.net OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the complete press release as an additional bulletin.

E44, PALESTINE. Ten Japanese operators led by Yoshi, JA1UT, are planning a goodwill trip to **Gaza**, Palestine, from **September 21st**. If they are fortunate to be granted a licence, they plan to operate **up to Sunday, September 24th**, mainly on RTTY, 30m CW and 6m (50.115MHz) beacon). Their callsigns will be assigned by **E44 plus individual callsigns**. QSLs

will be handled by each operator.

FO0, FRENCH POLYNESIA. By the time you read this, James, K9KUZ, should be active as **FO0KUZ** from **Bora Bora (IOTA OC-067)** until **September 13th** before he moves on to **Moorea Island (IOTA OC-046)**, **September 14-15th**. Suggested frequencies are: 14200, 21250, and 28400 kHz.

HELP WANTED (Medical). The Kingman Reef DXpedition needs a medical professional on the team. The team anticipates the usual bumps and coral scrapes, heat exhaustion and tropical fungi, but the possibility of an accident, requiring more than basic first aid makes inclusion of a medical person a necessity for them. They will consider physicians, emergency medical technicians (paramedics), and registered nurses. Good interpersonal skills are critical; good operating skills--on one or more modes--will be a plus. The successful applicant must commit to the October 15th to November 5th DXpedition timeframe, travel to and from Honolulu at his or her own expense, and contribute 2500 USD for his or her personal participation in the adventure. The payback will be participation in a major DXpedition to a rare and difficult DXCC counter. Please reply to Garry, NI6T via E-mail at: ni6t@intuitive.com

IOTA NEWS.....

- **NA-NEW.** With the recent reorganization of the IOTA Directory, the **Appledore Island**, one of the **Isles of Shoals in the New Hampshire Group**, qualifies as a NEW ONE. Tony/WF1N and Lou/W1DIG will be on the island **September 15th**, starting around 1900z Friday and ending about 1200z Monday. Operations will be on 20, 17, 15 and 10 meters on/near the usual IOTA frequencies +/-, SSB, with a tribander and amp. They will also be on 40 meters (7260+/-) at the top of the hour as long as necessary each hour for close in ops. QSL direct (SASE, PSE) or Bureau via home calls. Appledore Island is 3 points for the IOTA 2000. Any questions, E-mail Tony at: megahertz260@mindspring.com
- **OC-185/OC-198.** Stuart, VK8NSB, informs OPDX that he is about to start planning for 2 more IOTA DXpeditions on 2 rare VK8 Islands for **early 2001**, but he would first like to know if any amateurs intend to activate **OC-185** and **OC-198** IOTA Reference Numbers. Stuart states, "My reason for asking is, two amateurs in 1999 went to one of my planned DXpeditions a few months before my team did even after I had invited them 6 months before the activation to join the Team. They knew that we had planned & spent \$\$ for the DXpedition ... I do not want to spend thousands of dollars and months of planning and getting special permits just to stay on these rare islands to have others go to these 2 rare IOTA Groups one month before my Team does. If you plan on doing a DXpedition to one or both of these groups within the next 12 months could you please inform me ASAP If I start to plan these two rare IOTAs and Amateurs know that these islands are going to be activated by my Team but decide to go one month before us anyway, both DXpeditions will be cancelled" Stuart's E-mail address is: vk8nsb@octa4.net.au
- **OC-234. Browse Island** Update. Alan, VK4AAR, informed OPDX late Sunday that he "regrets to announce that the 'Timor Sea DX Group' (VK6BM) were unable to refloat the catamaran 'Tearaway' on either of the two tides to date. It now seems certain that it will not be possible to go to Cassini either unless some miracle happens. They are waiting for me to make further arrangements with the West Australian Water Police and the Royal Australian Navy vessel HMAS "Geelong" that is in the vicinity. The guys are well and

have sufficient food and water for quite a while. They may even continue making QSOs from Browse rather than twiddle their thumbs. Now is that not true dedication under the circumstances? I'll keep you posted." No other releases have been received since Sunday.

JT, MONGOLIA. By the time you read this, Jay, W8JAY, should have started his short operation as **JT1FCB** which will last **until September 14th**. Activity will be on RTTY and possibly PSK31. QSL direct via W8JAY.

KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS. Hidetoshi, JH8KYU, plans to operate as **KH0/JH8KYU** again from **Saipan Island**. He had operated there in the last CQ WPX SSB Contest. His next operation will be on **September 23-24th**. The main purpose of the next visit is to take part in the **CQ/RJ WW RTTY Contest** from Saipan. He will enter in the low power all band category. The location will be the rental shack managed by Yaesu at Mariana Resort Hotel. The equipment will be FT1000MP with a home brew modem into Force12 C4 beam.

KH4, MIDWAY ISLAND. Hiro/JF1OCQ and Takeshi/JE1RXJ will be active as **W1VX/KH4** and **NB6A/KH4**, respectively, from **September 22-24th**. They will be active on 80-6 meters using CW and SSB. They plan to operate a beacon on 50.115 MHz all times. QSL to W1VX/KH4 via JF1OCQ, NB6A/KH4 via JE1RXJ.

NH4, MIDWAY ISLAND. Ted, NH6YK, will be active again as **NH4/NH6YK** starting next weekend between **September 17-21st**. Although he has to do some work on the island, it looks like he will have some spare time to operate from the station there. The station is currently running a 100 watts into a G5RV, Force 12 C3, Long dipole and Vertical antennas as needed. Due to the quickness/shortness of the trip, it will be a phone operation potentially from 160-6 meters depending on the propagation. He states that he will take a printout of RS12/13 passes for Mode K. Ted will be looking particularly for: South Dakota (his last for WAS), stations to fill up the DXCC count, anyone on 6 meters and everybody else (Europe when there is an opening, etc.). QSL via the bureau or direct.

PACIFIC TOUR (YJ/Vanuatu and A35/Tonga). Babs/DL7AFS and Lothar/DJ7ZG will be active as **YJ0AYL** and **YJ0AZG**, respectively, from Vanuatu, **September 30th through October 19th**. They will then go to Tonga after **October 21st** (length of stay was not mentioned) and be active. Their bands of activity were not mentioned but they plan to be active on SSB/RTTY/PSK31 and some CW. QSL via DL7AFS. For more information, go to the Web page: <http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs/>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- The Saint Peter and Saint Paul Rocks, **PS0S**, log is now available for searching for QSOs at: <http://www.qsl.net/cwsp/indexen.htm>
- The log search feature of the **SV9/K7BV** website apparently has not been operating for some time. Dennis, K7BV, apologizes; it is again up and functional at: <http://www.qth.com/k7bv/crete/>
- During August 21-28th, the Radio Club Kennermerland, **PI4RCK**, was active with the special event callsign **PA6Y**. This station was to celebrate the sail 2000 event in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. If you have worked PA6Y, and you like awards, you can get this special full color "Sail 2000 IJmuiden Award" by sending 5 USDs or 7 IRC's to:

Radio Club Kennemerland PI4RCK, Westerduinweg 9, NL 1976 BV IJmuiden, The Netherlands.

- **NOT THE MANAGER!** OPDX has been informed that OH7XM is not the QSL Manager for **TU2MA**. Send your cards direct to TU2MA; he will QSL 100% at: Michel Toure Vakaba, Box 520, Abidjan 01, Ivory Coast. However, if you have problems getting cards from TU2MA; Arno, OH7XM, may be able to help you (CQWDXCW-91 for TU2MA QSL via now OH3JF).

SAD NOTE. It is with great sadness to report that amateur radio operator **Pero Simundza, 9A4SP** (aka 4W6SP, T98P, ZA/9A4SP), was one of three UNHCR workers that were brutally killed on September 5th in, Atambua, West Timor, Indonesia. Pero worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) since 1992. He was very active with the UNHCR. According to his friends/colleagues he was "based in Metkovic, Croatia, during the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina helping with humanitarian aid efforts. He was later based at the UNHCR office in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and worked there with the Bosnian callsign T98P. Before he joined UNHCR in West Timor earlier this year, Pero spent few months in Albania helping UNHCR Operations during the Kosovo crisis." He was also one of the first operators to be active from East Timor and gave a new one for some of you as 4W6SP. At this time, OPDX would like to send out our condolences to his family and friends. Also, during these hard moments for his family, all working colleagues and friends are asking you to enter a few words in an online condolence book available at: <http://www.qsl.net/9a4sp/> (which later will be handed to his family). More information will be sent to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers as an additional bulletin.

SPECIAL EVENT. Special event station from Poland, **3Z0MM**, is again active **until November 30th**, to celebrate the **millennium of the historical meeting of Polish King Chrobry with German Emperor Otton III in Szprotawa**. QSL via bureau or direct to SP3JHY: Jerzy Ryks, os.B.Chrobrego 3/IV/7, 67-300 Szprotawa, Poland.

TK, CORSICA. "The 59(9) DX Report" states to look for GBQV, F6BQV, F5TFP and possibly others to be active from here **September 22-30th**. No call signs were given.

VK0, MACQUARIE ISLAND. Alan's, **VK0MM**, Web page states that the supply vessel "Polar Bird" is due at Macquarie Island on November 7th for the annual resupply of the station and departs for Casey Station (Wilkes Land, Antarctica) on November 12th. The ANARE 2000 and ANARE 2001 crews will change over during this time. The ship is due back in Hobart, Australia prior to Christmas. Therefore, **VK0MM** will be **permanently QRT** as of **November 12th**. There is no licenced operator in the Macquarie Island Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition (ANARE) 2001 crew. Alan does mention that there may be a minor operation as **VK0LD** from the Casey Station. His Web page also mentions that he will mainly operate on CW on 30 and 20 meters. There MAY be some SSB. For up-to-date information and Alan's schedule, check the Web page: <http://www.geocities.com/vk0ld/1.html>

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA. Bob, **G3ZEM**, is now active from here mainly on CW 20/15/10 meters, but has been heard on SSB. There will also be some 30 meters operation when Bob has a chance to fix the vertical at Andy's, **ZD9BV**, QTH where he is operating from. On a sad note for low banders, the Titanex vertical didn't get unloaded from the ship. However, Bob states that he will use a 100 ft. tower at the nearby **ZD9 Coastal Station** and will try to set up something this past weekend for the low bands. He will be here **until September 24th**. QSL

via K4CIA. Logs are available on log at: <http://dxtechnology.com/zd9zm/>

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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